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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TETSUYA YANO ET AL.

Application No.: 09/430,029

Filed: October 29, 1999

For: DNA FRAGMENT CARRYING
TOLUENE MONOOXYGENASE
GENE, RECOMBINANT
PLASMID, TRANSFORMED
MICROORGANISM, METHOD
FOR DEGRADING
CHLORINATED ALIPHATIC
HYDROCARBON COMPOUNDS
AND AROMATIC COMPOUNDS,
AND METHOD FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL
REMEDINATION

Examiner: E. Slobodyansky

Group Art Unit: 1652

December 6, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action

dated June 6, 2001 for three (3) months from September 6, 2001 up to and including

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